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TAGS: SNAR, OVIP (RAIS YATIM)
SUBJ: EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM FOR RAIS YATIM

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 1549

1. THE GOM HAS NOTIFIED US OFFICIALLY THAT RAIS YATIM
WILL BE AVAILABLE TO VISIT THE US ON AN EXECUTIVE
OBSERVATION PROGRAM "AFTER MID-SEPTEMBER." THE
ELECTIONS MENTIONED REFTEL HAVE STILL NOT BEEN
ANNOUNCED, BUT ARE WIDELY EXPECTED IN JULY, AND
THE MUSLIM FASTING MONTH LASTS FROM EARLY AUGUST TO
EARLY SEPTEMBER.

2. THE GOM HAS ALSO ASKED WHETHER RAIS COULD BE
ACCOMPANIED BY TWO SENIOR OFFICERS, ONE DEALING WITH
ENFORCEMENT AND ONE WITH DEMAN REDUCTION. THE
MALAYSAINAS ARE WILLING TO PAY THE INTERNATIONAL
TRAVEL COSTS OF THESE TWO OFFICERS IF THE USG WILL
PICK UP THEIR PER DIEM AND DOMESTIC US TRAVEL EXPENSES.
(WE HAVE BEEN TOLD INFORMALLY THAT THE TWO OFFICIALS
WILL PROBABLY BE ABDUL JABID BIN MOHD. DON, DEPUTY
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE HOME AFFAIRS MINISTRY,
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AND DR. V. NAVARATNAM, PRJECT DIRECTOR, DRUG
DEPENDENCE RESEARCH PROJECT, UNIVERSITI SAINS
MALAYSIA.) THE EMBASSY STRONGLY ENDORSES THIS
REQUEST AS A MEANS OF EXPOSING TWO ADDITIONAL SENOIR
OFFICIALS TO THE BENEFITS OF AN EXECUTIVE OBSER-
VATION TOUR AT GREATLY REDUCED EXPENSE AND AS A
WAY OF INTRODUCING COST-SHARING INTO OUR NARCOTICS

COOPERATION RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOM.

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPT. AND DEA CONSIDER
EXTENDING THE LENGTH OF THE PROGRAM FROM THE
NORMAL TWO WEEKS TO APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS AND
THAT A STRONG DEMAND REDUCTION ELEMENT BE ADDED,
GIVEN RAIS' KEY ROLE IN BOTH SIDES OF THE
MALAYSIAN DRUG CONTROL EFFORT. HE HAS BEEN
DESIGNATED AS THE HEAD OF THE RECENTLY FORMED ACTION
UNIT OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE ON DRUG ABUSE CONTROL,
A NEW BODY WHICH SHOWS GREAT PROMISE IN COORDINATING
THE ENTIRE MALAYSIAN PROGRAM.

4. REQUEST DEPT. APPROVAL OF CONCEPT OUTLINED PARA
2. AND EARLY NOTIFICATION OF SEPTEMBER DATES FOR
THE EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM.
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